Dear State Representative/Senator,

I am writing in regard to section 17 of SB – 874. I am opposed to the registration of homeschoolers, and the "legislative creep" that this bill represents. Registration of all homeschooling students will make it all the easier to impose future regulations and monitoring which then limits homeschooling parents' ability to tailor curriculum, methodology, and environment to best meet our children's needs, which is one of the major reasons for making this educational choice in the first place. I am also opposed to the terminology in section 18 of SB-874: "model curricula" is very easily misconstrued as "mandatory curricula." Research continually shows that one-on-one instruction, small group instruction, and hands-on activities are the best practice and homeschooling is the best possible venue for practicing these research-based methods.

Sincerely,

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